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The reply filed on 23 July 2002, Paper No. 10, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' have amended the previously examined claims in Paper No. 9, mailed 20 May 2002, to a non-elected Group/Specie. Amended claim 1 (line 2) is now "forming a first population of mixture entities and detecting a catalytic property of", which is a non-elected specie. Applicants are reminded of the elected Group I (drawn to a method of classification), Specie A-1 (random identification of population of entities) and Specie B-5 (mutation, crossover, and selection) as elected in Paper No. 8, filed 15 April 2002. Applicants are further reminded that the previous office action, Paper No. 9, mailed 20 May 2002, indicated an objection to disclosure of Table 5, regarding line spacing, which has not been corrected. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicants are given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The CM1 Fax Center number is either (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Channing S. Mahatan whose telephone number is (703) 308-2380. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Woodward, Ph.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Patent Analyst, William Phillips, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3482 or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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